**Sample Parent Script**

Something very sad has happened. Your teacher, Mr. Coe is no longer going to be with us. He died over the vacation. When people die, we have a lot of different feelings. It is okay to feel sad and to cry about it. We and your friends are feeling sad too.

Dying is a part of life, for people as well as plants, trees, animals, and insects. Most people live a very long time. Sometimes it feels good to draw about it, write about it and talk about it. We try to remember all the good things about that person.

Mommy and Daddy love you very much. It is really important that you talk to us about any feelings that you may have about Mr. Coe.